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PO Box 55819
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Dear Mr. LeVines,

I have received your request dated April 30, 2013 for "any lists, databases and inventory rosters containing equipment used in the field of duty (i.e. firearms, protective gear, surveillance equipment, tactical and defense equipment, vehicles, etc.)."

Your request for information is being denied under Exemption B under the Massachusetts Public Records Law. This request relates to internal practices of this department, which is necessary for police and safety functions which would be inhibited by disclosure. Knowledge of this information will be detrimental to the security of the police officers and the knowledge of equipment used in police responses.

Additionally, under G.L. c. 4, § 7(26), the "mandatory disclosure provision of the Public Records Law only applies to information that is in the custody of the governmental entity at the time the request is received". Our department is under no obligation to create a record for a requester.

You have the right to appeal this decision to the Supervisor of Records, at the address below, within 90 days from your original request. The Appeal must include your original request along with this response.

Supervisor of Records
Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth
McCormack Building, Room 1719
One Ashburton Place

Boston, MA 02108

Sincerely,

Carolyn L. Jodoin
Records Clerk